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SUBJECT: REFUGEE AND MIGRATION AFFAIRS: PAROLE OF CHILEAN
DETAINEES AND REFUGEES

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1. ON JANUARY 19 EMBASSY OFFICERS AND DEPT OFFICER CARLIN
MET WITH ICEM REPRESENTATIVES, MESSRS KOZACK AND JARRELL,
AND REVIEWED ALL ASPECTS OF SUBJECT PROGRAM FOR PURPOSE OF
FACILITATING EARLIEST COMPLETION THIS PROGRAM WHICH NOW
TARGETED AS 300 CASES EX-SANTIAGO AND 100 CASES EX-LIMA.

2. ON BASIS OF PRESENT ACTIVE CASELOAD IN PROCESSING AT BOTH
SANTIAGO AND WASHINGTON AND TAKING ACCOUNT OF MOVEMENTS TO
USA ALREADY EFFECTED, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT CUMULATIVE MOVE-
MENT TOTAL WOULD AMOUNT TO 100 CASES. THUS, ALLOWING FOR
REJECTION/LOSS FACTORS, IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT ICEM WILL HAVE
TO PROVIDE 300 ADDITIONAL PRIMA FACIE QUALIFIED CASES IN
ORDER TO MEET 300 TARGET.

3. PROVIDED GREEN-LIGHT GIVEN ON EXPANDED CRITERIA, ICEM
ESTIMATES THAT THEY COULD PROVIDE TO EMBASSY 150 NEW CASES
WITHIN NEXT 2-3 WEEKS. ADVICE ON CRITERIA URGENTLY REQUIRED.

4. NEXT MAJOR SOURCE FOR NEW CANDIDATES WOULD BE SENTENCED
CASES IN PRISON IN THE INTERIOR ON WHICH ICEM LACKS DATA AND
INTERVIEWING WOULD BE ESSENTIAL. ICEM NOW PLANNING SEND
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INTERVIEWING TEAMS TO THE FOUR MAIN LOCATIONS WHERE THESE

CASES AVAILABLE. ICEM ESTIMATES THAT THIS SOURCE WOULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL 100 CASES.

5. A FURTHER SOURCE OF CANDIDATES MIGHT BE SOME 70 CASES OF DETAINEES WITHOUT EXILE DECREES KNOWN TO ICEM. THIS GROUP WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF EARLY DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN ICEM AND GOC MINISTRY OF INTERIOR. ICEM IS REASONABLY OPTIMISTIC OVER FAVORABLE OUTCOME THIS MATTER AND ESTIMATES THAT THIS SOURCE WOULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL 50 CASES.

6. AS A STEP TO FURTHER STREAMLINE PROCESSING WE SUGGEST THAT DEPARTMENT NOTIFY THIS EMBASSY BY TELEGRAM AS SOON AS PAROLE IS AUTHORIZED BY INS RATHER THAN POUCHING THESE AUTHORIZATIONS AS HERETOFORE. UPON RECEIPT THESE TELEGRAPHIC AUTHORIZATIONS EMBASSY WILL PROCEED TO DOCUMENT DETAINEE AND FAMILY BEFORE FINAL AUTHORIZATION FOR TRAVEL AND SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION IS RECEIVED. WE NOTE THAT DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZES TRAVEL ABOUT 2-3 WEEKS AFTER INS HAS AUTHORIZED PAROLE. UPON RECEIPT OF INS AUTHORIZATION ICEM WILL APPLY FOR PASSPORTS FOR DETAINEES AND DEPENDENTS; MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS WILL BE GIVEN TO DEPENDENTS; AND ICEM WILL SUBMIT REQUEST TO GOC FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE AND REQUEST EXILE DECREES FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED THEM. DEPENDING UPON WHEN THE POST CHECKS FROM DINA AND EXILE DECREES ARE RECEIVED IT MIGHT WELL BE POSSIBLE TO EFFECT THE DEPARTURE OF PAROLEES AND THEIR FAMILIES 2-3 WEEKS SOONER. ALSO, KNOWING THAT INS HAS AUTHORIZED PAROLE AND THAT SPONSORSHIP WOULD BE FORTHCOMING, ICEM COULD MORE READILY HOLD A CASE FOR US INSTEAD OF LOOKING FOR OTHER COUNTRIES TO ACCEPT THE DETAINEE.

7. VIEW FACT THAT CHILEAN REFUGEES PROCEEDING TO COUNTRIES OTHER THAN USA ARE NOT REPEAT NOT REQUIRED TO SIGN PROMISORY NOTES COVERING THEIR TRANSPORTATION COSTS, ICEM RECOMMENDS THAT THIS REQUIREMENT BE WAIVED FOR CHILEAN REFUGEES ACCEPTED BY USA. WE SUPPORT THIS RECOMMENDATION AND SUGGEST THAT DEPARTMENT ADVISE ICEM GENEVA ACCORDINGLY. THE FACT THAT DETAINEES ARE REQUIRED TO REPAY TRAVEL COSTS DISCOURAGES THEM FROM APPLYING FOR PAROLE INTO USA AND WHEN THEY HAVE A CHOICE OF COUNTRIES THEY TEND TO CHOOSE COUNTRY THAT PAYS

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TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES.

8. IN FURTHER SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH ICEM REPS, WHICH CURRENTLY UNDERWAY, WE ENDEAVORING TO DEVELOP REALISTIC PROGRAM PROJECTION AND TIME TABLE FOR COMPLETION OF PROGRAM. DETAILS OF THIS EXERCISE WITH RELEVANT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION FOLLOW SEPTTEL.
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